

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5036

By Committee on Taxation

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9 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress
10 to adopt an amendment to the Constitution of the United States re-
11 garding the citizenship status of children born to parents neither of
12 whom are citizens of the United States.
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14 WHEREAS, There are now more than 15 million children living in
15 the United States with at least one foreign-born parent; and

16 WHEREAS, Four-fifths of such children were born in the United
17 States and therefore, are United States citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, Among such children 81% of those under six years old
19 and 70% of those ages 6 to 17 have a parent that is not a United States
20 citizen; and

21 WHEREAS, The cost of providing government services to illegal im-
22 migrant households costs the federal government more than \$10 billion
23 per year, and many of those costs are related to the U.S.-born children
24 living in such households; and

25 WHEREAS, Many illegal immigrants continue to live and work un-
26 lawfully in the United States due to the presence of their U.S.-born chil-
27 dren; and

28 WHEREAS, The 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United
29 States declares that all persons born in the United States are citizens
30 thereof; and

31 WHEREAS, An amendment to the Constitution of the United States
32 granting children born to parents neither of whom are citizens of the
33 United States the same legal status as their parents would help reduce
34 the costs incurred by the United States and this state caused by the in-
35 creasing numbers of illegal immigrants residing in the United
36 States: Now, therefore,

37 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
38 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the Congress of the United States
39 is urged to adopt and submit to the states for ratification an amendment
40 to the Constitution of the United States granting children born to parents
41 neither of whom are citizens of the United States the same legal status
42 as their parents; and

43 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send

- 1 enrolled copies of this concurrent resolution to each member of the Kan-
- 2 sas Congressional delegation.